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Rep. Joy Sanbuenaventura, Vice Chair

Tuesday, March 31, 2015

2:05 p.m.

Room 325

SUPPORT for SB 564 SD1- EXTENDING REENTRY COMMISSION TO 12.1.19

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Sanbuenaventura and Members of the Committee!

My name is Kat Brady and I am the Coordinator of Community Alliance on Prisons, a community initiative promoting smart justice policies for almost two decades. This testimony is respectfully offered on behalf of the 5,600 Hawai'i individuals living behind bars, always mindful that more than 1,600, and soon to be rising number of Hawai'i individuals who are serving their sentences abroad, thousands of miles away from their loved ones, their homes and, for the disproportionate number of incarcerated Native Hawaiians, far from their ancestral lands.

SB 564 SD1 extends the Reentry Commission expiration date to December 1, 2019.

Community Alliance on Prisons supports this measure. A robust reentry system will help people successfully transition from institutional life to community life, rebuild their lives, restore their families and revitalize their communities.

Hawai'i needs to do more to help people successfully transition; this principle should be embedded in "care and custody".

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

"We must accept the reality that to confine offenders behind walls without trying to change them is an expensive folly with short-term benefits—winning battles while losing the war. It is wrong. It is expensive. It is stupid."

Former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Warren Burger

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
E. Ileina Funakoshi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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james crowe	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Well organized reentry programs will benefit the former inmate, their families, their communities, the workforce and the Hawaii economy. It will significantly reduce recidivism.

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lezlie Kiaha	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 564, SENATE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO CORRECTIONS

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House Committee on Judiciary
Representative Karl Rhoads, Chair
Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair

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Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **strongly supports** Senate Bill (SB) 564, Senate Draft (SD) 1, which proposes to extend the existence of the Reentry Commission from December 1, 2015 to December 1, 2019.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important bill.

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	LATE
Gladys Coelho Baisa	Individual	Support	

Comments: In SUPPORT of SB 564 Act 24, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2009 was amended (Act 24) established the Reentry Commission to work with the Dept. of Public Safety in monitoring and reviewing the comprehensive offender reentry program. Extending the sunset date is critical to continuing the valuable work of the Reentry commission in the successful transition of offenders into the community. Hawai'i needs to do better to help people transition from incarceration to the community exiting incarceration

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Zehner	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

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Comments: